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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

2. Note the attached reference to Cikanek directed to traction control.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.


4. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

There are no clear antecedent bases in the claims for "said wheel brakes" (left? or right? front? or rear?) of claim 1, line 11, claim 11, line 10, claim 14, line 10; "the rotational speed" of claim 1, line 16, claim 11, line 14, claim 14, line 14; "the rear axle speed" of claim 1, line 19, "the slipping front wheel" of claim 1, lines 25-26 [Note that claim 1, lines 22-23 recites "slippage of one of the vehicle front wheels and rear axle" and does not limit the claim to the occurrence of "front wheel" slippage. See claim 2, lines 2-4]; "the side of the vehicle ..." of claim 5, last two lines; "the average speed of

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the rear axle" of claim 8, clause (a), last line; "the average speed of the rear wheels" of claim 9, clause (a), last line, claim 15, clause (a), last line. Also, there are no clear antecedent bases in the claims for "the vehicle wheels" of claim 11, line 8; "said associated wheel" of claim 11, line 11; "the desired turning direction" of claim 11, line 18, claim 13, clause (b), line 1; "the front ... brakes" of claim 13, clause (a), line 2 [Note that claim 13, lines 1-4 recite rear brakes and not front brakes]; "the actual turning direction" of claim 13, clause (c), line 1; "the inside of the turn" of claim 11, line 25, claim 13, clause (e), line 3; "said wheel brakes associated with one of the vehicle wheels" of claim 14, line 8; "the average rotational speed [of] the rear wheels" of claim 14, line 17; "the inside of the turn" of claim 14, line 24; "the opposite side of the vehicle" [first or one side not recited] of claim 14, the last two lines.

5. Claim 6, line 2 "Traction Control" should not be capitalized.
6. Claim 11, line 17 --of-- should be inserted between "speed" and "the rear wheels". See similarly claim 14, line 17 where in --of-- should also be inserted.
7. Claims 1-16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Exmr Butler at telephone number (703) 308-2575.


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